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1. From 1950 to September 1951, ISU [] located in Leipzig, was assigned an engineer construction battalion of 1200 Soviet EM. This was a penal battalion commanded by Lt Col (fnu) Vorobyov and Maj (fnu) Braggin; [] Members of this battalion worked on the construction of German railroads and the Berlin Canal Project. 25X1
2. The penal battalion accomplished very little work. [] units of 200-300 of these EM, assigned specific work on the canal, loaf, sleep, or pretend to be working, while the NCO's in charge slept soundly nearby. The Soviet officers in charge did not seem to be able to make anyone in this battalion do his job properly. The situation became so bad that in July 1951 it was decided to withdraw all Soviet troops from the Berlin Canal Construction and the penal battalion was ordered to return to the USSR in September 1951. 25X1
3. When the Penal battalion returned to the USSR, it took with it 12-15 trains; each consisting of 20 carloads of cranes and road-building equipment. Some of this equipment was German; some was newly made; all had been repaired by ISU [] The shipment of the German equipment to the USSR was by order of the GOFG.

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4. The following is a detailed list of the equipment that was taken to the USSR by the penal battalion:

- (a) Cranes mounted on ZIS-5 trucks [redacted] 25X1
- (b) One Diesel excavator.
- (c) Two graders
- (d) Four-five Diesel electric stations.
- (e) Two electric and Diesel compressors.
- (f) Ten cement mixers, electric and Diesel
- (g) One RR locomotive.
- (h) Three wood-cutting saws.
- (i) One-two stone crushers.
- (j) Lathes, wood and metal working machinery in unknown quantity.
- (k) Sixty small cars of one cubic m capacity.
- (l) Twenty cranes of various types.
- (m) Twenty electric motors of various types.
- (n) Ten pumps of various types.
- (o) Thirty pneumatic hammers.
- (p) Four cranes of 750 kg lifting capacity.
- (q) Cables, rails, transformers and spare parts in unknown numbers.

25X1. 5. In November 1951, [redacted] in which he stated that the penal battalion, formerly with ISU [redacted] was now stationed near Tashkent /4120N-6918E/. 25X1

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